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**Cc:** Davis, Joe[Davis.Joe@epa.gov]; Brown, Randolph[Brown.Randolph@epa.gov]  
**From:** Doherty, Paul  
**Sent:** Fri 10/21/2016 8:59:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Health questions / concerns: Atchison, KS: MGP

Corey not coming up. Not allowed to do media. City Manager conferring with ATSDR/Atlanta regarding media briefing. KDHE/BoE is reportedly sending someone to assist with inquiries  
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 21, 2016, at 3:40 PM, Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

**Mark/Ed/Mary,  
Just fyi.**

- **Paul Doherty, R7 OSC remains on-site at the Command Center this afternoon / evening.**
- **In coordination with Unified Command, EPA R7 has conducted on-site and perimeter air monitoring at the site this afternoon – no chlorine detects.**
- **Randy Brown, R7 OSC may relieve Paul Doherty tomorrow (if needed).**
- **City Manager / Local response officials are getting many health related questions from the public.**
- **Julie Coleman KDHE is heading to the site.**
- **Cory Kokko, ATSDR is assisting the City Manager answering public health questions. Her cell phone number 913-217-5981.**
- **ATSDR is coordinating with KS Bureau of Epidemiology when addressing health risk questions.**
- **Joe Davis, OSC will be answering our 24/7 spill line from now until Monday.**
- **Joe Davis, OSC will send an e-mail update (reply to all) later this evening or first thing tomorrow morning.**

**Thanks  
Ken**

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**From:** Buchholz, Ken

**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 12:01 PM

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**Subject:** FINAL UPDATE: All Clear has been given: Atchison, KS: MGP Ingredients

**Mark/Ed/Mary,**

- **Atchison Hospital reports that they have seen 34 or 35 patients related to the incident that will be under observation for the CDC recommended 6 hours. One (1) patient is in ICU with respiratory distress. They had a lot of providers (physicians, PAs, nurses). They are in good shape right now.**
- **EPA R7 continues to coordinate with local and state response officials (MDNR and KDHE) and Missouri CST (in the State of Missouri).**
- **All clear has been given (see note below from Atchison).**

<image001.jpg>

**From:** Ferguson, Doug

John Jacobson, CEO of Atchison Hospital. They have seen 34 or 35 patients related to the incident that will be under observation for the CDC recommended 6 hours. One (1) patient is in ICU with respiratory distress. They had a lot of providers (physicians, PAs, nurses) available plus a light surgery schedule since it was Friday and they opened up pre- and post-op for the observation area. They are in good shape right now.

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**Subject:** RE: EPA OSC dispatched to Atchison, KS: MGP Ingredients

Attached is the NRC report and a basic plume map.

Thanks, Paul

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Kansas State Coordinator  
US EPA Region 7  
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Lenexa, Kansas 66219  
913-551-7694

National Response Center 24/7 Spill Reporting Line 1-800-424-8802 and EPA Emergency Response Duty Officer 24/7 Spill Reporting Line 913-281-0991

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Mary,

FYI. Region 7 is dispatching Paul Doherty, OSC (w/ START contractor support) to supporting state and local emergency response officials on a chemical release in Atchison, Kan. There have been evacuations and injuries reported via local media sources. The EPA on-scene coordinator has been sent to the site to assist first responders and continue operational assessments (air monitoring). Region 7 is coordinating with KDHE, FEMA, EPAHQ EOC. We are coordinating with our R7 Public Affairs (David Bryan) and AWMD (Dave Hensley). We know from Tier II reporting there is also 72,000 lbs of propylene oxide stored on-site.

There is reportedly a very broad evacuation zone: Public schools, Benedictine College, etc. and have been evacuated.

NRC has sent EPA and the state a notification of the release at around 10:30 a.m..

CALLER IS REPORTING WHILE UNLOADING A TRUCK OF SULFURIC ACID, THE PRODUCT WAS PUMPED INTO A TANK CONTAINING SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE. THIS RESULTED IN A CHEMICAL REACTION WHICH CAUSED A RELEASE OF UNKNOWN MATERIAL VAPOR INTO THE AIR. This would likely produce chlorine vapor cloud.

**Paul Doherty, OSC will report to:**

Command Post:  
216 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Atchison KS  
Next to Taco John's